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**CALTRANS STARTS ANOTHER SR-91 CORRIDOR
IMPROVEMENT PROJECT**

CORONA – The California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) will begin the last phase of work on a 3.3-mile project to improve traffic flow on westbound State Route 91 from Route 71 to the 241/91 interchange.

The current work includes re-striping various lanes on 2.1 miles of westbound Route 91, from Route 71 to the Riverside/Orange County line. This will extend the auxiliary lane created by an earlier project. The re-striping work will continue for at least five nights. Westbound lanes will be progressively closed throughout the night as traffic allows. At least one lane will be open at all times. Motorists should generally expect lane closures between the hours of 6 PM to 6 AM.

Lane Closure Schedule

- From Serfas Club Drive to Coal Canyon Road, various westbound lanes:
Friday, May 14 – 6 PM to 6 AM the following day
Saturday, May 15 – 7 PM to 6 AM
Sunday, May 16 – 7 PM to 5 AM
Monday and Tuesday, May 17 and 18 – 6 PM to 5 AM on Wednesday
- Lane closure for the westbound carpool lane connected to FasTrak:
Friday, May 14 – 10 PM to 6 AM the following day
Saturday, May 15 – 7 PM to 7 AM
Sunday, May 16 – 7 PM to 2 AM
Monday and Tuesday, May 17 and 18 – 6 PM to 2 AM on Wednesday

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Project Facts:

Earlier work included widening the freeway to extend the auxiliary lane an additional 2.1 miles from the Orange/Riverside County line to the 241/91 interchange. The new auxiliary lane opened to the public on February 15, 2004, and greatly improved the morning commute, providing relief for over 250,000 motorists daily. This phase of the project was funded by the State at a cost of \$6.7 million. The Orange County Transportation Authority (OCTA) made the project possible with the purchase of the Route 91 Express Lanes.

The re-striping phase of the project, funded by Riverside County, costs \$350,000. Riverside County Supervisor John Tavaglione was instrumental in allocating county funding for this phase.

Project benefits include enhanced traffic flow, reduced weaving and merging conditions for motorists traveling to the 241 toll road, congestion relief on adjacent lanes, and improved safety.

Motorists are advised to reduce speeds in construction areas, and please, always SLOW FOR THE CONE ZONE.

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